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In re Application of  
Hickman et al.  
Application No. 08/798,703  
Filed: February 12, 1997  
Attorney Docket No. 59333-8010.US01

ON PETITION

This is a decision on the petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.137(b), filed April 10, 2003, to revive the above-identified application.

The petition is **granted**.

The above-identified application became abandoned as a result of petitioner's failure to file an appeal brief (and fee required by 37 CFR 1.17(c)) within the time period provided in 37 CFR 1.192(a). As an appeal brief (and appeal brief fee) was not filed within two (2) months of the Notice of Appeal filed June 12, 2002, and no extensions of time under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(b) were obtained, the appeal was dismissed and the proceedings as to the rejected claims were terminated. See 37 CFR 1.192(b) & 1.197(c). As no claim was allowed, the above-identified application became abandoned on August 13, 2002. See MPEP 1215.04.

Petitioner has met the requirements to revive the above-identified application pursuant to 37 CFR 1.137(b).

The file is now being forwarded to Technology Center 2100.

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